

CITY OF MCMINNVILLE  
MINUTES OF DINNER MEETING of the McMinnville City Council  
Held in the Conference Room at the Civic Hall on Gormley Plaza  
McMinnville, Oregon

Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.

Presiding: Rick Olson, Mayor

Recording: Rose A. Lorenzen, Recording Secretary

Councilors: Present

Scott Hill	Kellie Menke
Kevin Jeffries	Alan Ruden
Paul May	Larry Yoder

Also present were City Manager Kent L. Taylor, City Attorney Candace A. Haines, and a member of the news media, Nicole Montesano of the News Register.

DINNER

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

GOVERNMENT ETHICS TRAINING: City Attorney Haines distributed a series of PowerPoint slides entitled, "Government Ethics in Three Simple Rules," written by Christy Monson and Lauren Sommers from The Local Government Law Group Government Ethics training. She reminded the Council that the Audit Committee had requested that all employees and the City Council complete a government ethics training class. She explained that Ms. Munson and Ms. Sommers had recently given the training to all City employees. She gave a brief training using the provided materials and answered questions posed by the Council.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION BY YAMHILL COUNTY STAFF ON THE STATUS OF THE REGULATION AND PERMITTING PROCESS FOR RIVERBEND LANDFILL: City Manager Taylor advised that Yamhill County Planning Division Manager Ken Friday and Solid Waste Coordinator Sherrie Mathison would speak about the regulatory and permitting processes regarding Riverbend Landfill.

City Councilor Hill noted that he would appreciate a tour of the landfill. Councilor May stated that because this was such an emotional topic, he felt it would be in the City's best interest if the Council heard from an expert who did not have any interests attached with the issue. Councilor May also noted that he did not feel that the landfill operations were on track with the City's sustainability program.

AGENDA REVIEW: Mayor Olson briefly reviewed the balance of the agenda items.

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CITY OF McMinnville  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of the McMinnville City Council  
Held at the Civic Hall on Gormley Plaza  
McMinnville, Oregon

Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

Presiding: Rick Olson, Mayor  
Recording: Rose A. Lorenzen, Recording Secretary  
Councilors: Present

Scott Hill                      Kellie Menke  
Kevin Jeffries                Alan Ruden  
Paul May                        Larry Yoder

Also present were City Manager Kent L. Taylor, City Attorney Candace A. Haines, Police Captain Dennis Marks, and a member of the news media, Nicole Montesano of the News Register.

AGENDA ITEM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilor Hill led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVITATION TO CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments were heard from the audience.

PROCLAMATION - Financial Literacy Month and Teach Children to Save Day: Mayor Olson invited First Federal Savings & Loan Marketing Representative Pam Watts to the front of the room and read the Financial Literacy Month and Teach Children to Save Day proclamation into the record. He presented Ms. Watts with the signed proclamation. She thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support and presented each with a piggy bank and coloring book.

CONSIDER MINUTES: Councilor Yoder MOVED to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2013 City Council Dinner and Regular Meetings as submitted; SECONDED by Councilor Hill. Motion PASSED unanimously.

I OLD BUSINESS

I-A INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION BY YAMHILL COUNTY STAFF ON THE STATUS OF THE REGULATION AND PERMITTING PROCESS FOR RIVERBEND LANDFILL: Mayor Olson welcomed Yamhill County Planning Division Manager Ken Friday and Yamhill County Solid Waste Coordinator Sherrie Mathison.

Mr. Friday and Ms. Mathison thanked the City Council for the invitation to speak on Riverbend Landfill's permitting

and regulatory processes. He noted that his focus has been on zoning and comprehensive plan permits related to the landfill. Current zoning at the Landfill is designated "Public Works Safety." He gave the history on the requests for modification of the landfill, included a leachate pond permit request that was received in 1992. In 2011, the County received a permit request from Riverbend to construct a berm at the landfill. The berm is the only issue that continues to be appealed.

Mayor Olson asked Mr. Friday for a time line of the activities that have occurred at the site. Mr. Friday stated that he would send the time line to City staff for dissemination.

Mr. Friday explained that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has been reviewing the application related to the berm and the comment phase was completed last week. There is a possibility of future applications and future opportunities for comment and it is possible that more public hearings would be held if Riverbend applies for expansion of the landfill.

Responding to Councilor Jeffries question, Mr. Friday clarified that DEQ is reviewing the engineering and design of the berm and Yamhill County's attention has been on the requested land use comprehensive plan and zoning changes.

Solid Waste Coordinator Mathison gave the background on the time line related to solid waste. She stated that Yamhill County holds a license agreement, similar to a franchise, with Waste Management - the parent company of Riverbend Landfill. The agreement sets out the payment structure that Waste Management submits to the County for the regional landfill. The Landfill is under a DEQ permit. DEQ oversees the operations, as needed, and issues related to odors, leachate, pest control, and storm water runoff. She acknowledged that she accepts complaints regarding these issues, but all of the complaints are forwarded to DEQ for action. Most of the complaints are directed to Bob Schwartz at DEQ.

Responding to an inquiry from Councilor May, Ms. Mathison advised that she had a synopsis or summary of every complaint. Councilor May asked for a sampling or summarization of all the complaints. Ms. Mathison stated that she would forward that information to the City.

Further discussion ensued regarding the permitting processes, franchise fees, water monitoring, and the berm. Mr. Friday advised that the County had been told that DEQ would make public its decision regarding the berm in early May 2013.

Councilor Ruden asked how the closed landfills were maintained. Ms. Mathison explained that both Yamhill County and Waste Management maintain the closed Whiteson

and Riverbend landfills. She stated that franchise and license fees go toward hazardous waste clean ups, education, recycling promotion, master recycling classes, and other educational classes.

Councilor Jeffries asked about the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Ms. Mathison stated that minimally the Committee meets four times annually. Generally the Committee tours the facility at its July meeting. She invited the Council to attend the July Committee meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding what effects the landfill closure might have on McMinnville. It was noted that if the landfill were to close, the City's franchised garbage and recycling hauler, Western Oregon Waste, would have to truck the garbage to an alternate location, which could have an impact on the rates McMinnville residents are charged for garbage pickup. City Manager Taylor explained that Western Oregon Waste's franchise with the City allows the company to operate within a certain profit range.

Mr. Friday ended the presentation with a reminder for the Council to attend the Waste Management Stewardship Committee's public meetings. The program is called, "Dream It - Do It," and Waste Management wants to know what the community wants to see done with the land surrounding the landfill. He noted that the next meeting will be held in Newberg.

Mayor Olson and the City Council thanked Mr. Friday and Ms. Mathison for their presentation.

- II                   ADVICE / INFORMATION ITEMS
  
- II-A                REPORTS FROM COUNCILORS ON COMMITTEE AND BOARD ASSIGNMENTS:  
Each of the City Councilors gave a brief report.
  
- II-B                DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Each department head present gave  
a brief report.
  
- III                 ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Olson adjourned the meeting at 7:57  
p.m.

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